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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – City Declares State of Emergency Due to Ransomware Attack

(U) Oakland Interim City Administrator G. Harold Duffey issued a local state of emergency due to "ongoing impacts" of network outages caused by ransomware, the city announced. Oakland was the victim of a ransomware attack that began earlier this week, police and city officials said. The emergency declaration will assist with equipment and materials and the activation of emergency workers as the city seeks to safely restore its systems.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, [NBC Bay Area](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Buffalo Mass Shooter Sentenced to life-in-Prison

(U) Buffalo – Buffalo mass shooter Payton Gendron was sentenced to life-in-prison without the possibility parole. Judge Susan Eagan imposed the sentence for each of the ten victims he killed on 14 May 2022, at a Tops market on the east side of Buffalo and 25-years for each of the three victims he shot and wounded. Gendron pleaded guilty in November to 15 charges, including murder and attempted murder. He is the first person in state history to be charged with domestic terrorism motivated by hate. In addition to the state case, he is facing hate and domestic terrorism charges in federal court.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, [ABC News](#)

(U) Tennessee – Two Sheriff's Deputies Suspended for Role in Tyre Nichols Incident

(U) Memphis – The Shelby County sheriff suspended two deputies without pay for five-days for unspecified conduct after they appeared at the scene where Memphis city police severely beat Tyre Nichols. Among those responding to the scene were Shelby County sheriff's deputies Jeremy Watkins and Johntavious Bowers, the sheriff's department said in the statement. It did not specify what the deputies did or neglected to do to merit suspension. But it listed the regulations they violated, including radio communication procedures, mobile video recording system procedures, and patrol field job duties and responsibilities.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, [US News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Police Ambush Deemed Religious Terror Attack

(U) Wieambilla – A shooting ambush in a remote Australian town that left six people dead has been declared a religiously-motivated terrorist attack. Authorities say it is the first time Christian extremist ideology has been linked to a terror attack in Australia. Two police officers and a neighbor were killed when Nathaniel, Stacey, and Gareth Train opened fire on a rural property in Queensland last December. The trio were shot dead after a lengthy stand-off with police. Police have been investigating whether the group were linked to conspiracy theories.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, [BBC](#)

(U) El Salvador – Country Extends Special Powers in Fight Against Gangs

(U) San Salvador – El Salvador's congress has approved President Nayib Bukele's request to extend the period of special powers for another month, meaning the country will go at least a full year with some fundamental rights suspended in fight against gangs. Justice and Security Minister Gustavo Villatoro said the state of exception would continue until the last gang member is captured. After a surge in gang violence in March 2022, in which 62 people were killed in a single day across the country, Bukele requested the special powers to pursue the gangs.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, [ABC News](#)

(U) Germany – Websites of Several Airports Affected by Cyberattack

(U) Berlin – The internet sites of several German airports were disrupted on after what may have been a hacker attack, German news agency reported. Nuremberg Airport in southern Germany reported that its online site was receiving so many requests that it collapsed. The homepages of Duesseldorf and Dortmund airports in the west of the country were also unreachable. The disruptions did not appear to have an immediate impact on the country's air traffic, the agency said.

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, [ABC News](#)

(U) Mexico – Country Claims Largest Synthetic Drug Lab Bust to Date

(U) Sinaloa – Mexican soldiers seized more than a half-million fentanyl pills in a raid on what the army's announcement called the largest synthetic drug lab found to date. The army said the outdoor lab was discovered in Culiacan, the capital of the northern state of Sinaloa. Soldiers raided the lab and found almost 630,000 pills that appear to contain the synthetic opioid fentanyl. They also reported seizing 282-pounds of powdered fentanyl and about 220-pounds of suspected methamphetamines.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Syria – US Military Shoots Down Iranian-Made Drone

(U) Damascus – The US military announced it shot down a drone believed to have been manufactured by Iran as it was allegedly conducting surveillance over an oil site in northeastern Syria. "US forces in Syria engaged and shot down an Iranian-manufactured UAV attempting to conduct reconnaissance of Mission Support Site Conoco, a patrol base in northeast Syria," US Central Command said in a statement.

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